Raider Review

By TODD NASH

This year started pretty normal. We all piled into the cafeteria first thing and then headed to extended homeroom. Later on in the week we found that things were far from normal.

The student body as a whole found themselves facing only two pep rallies - one for football and one for basketball. The senior class was faced with the fact that it may have to take a weekend senior trip or take it over spring break or even not get one! Those looking forward to field trips were blinded by the fact that most field trips would not be approved this year.

The question in every student's mind is, "Why, all these restrictions?"

The answer lies mainly in a report made this past April by the National Commission on Excellence in Education. This report was very critical of United States educational systems and actually found that the systems were very poor in many standards.

At the same time, Virginia was establishing its new rules of high school accreditation. The report established much harsher standards and required more class time

These two reports caused quite an uproar in our school and other schools across America.

In using the term, "class time", one is stressing time spent in educational purposes in a classroom, not time sitting around in it. It was found that a student in school 180 days a year, for 6 hours a day, spends a drastic amount of time away from the educational experience of the classroom and much time in extracurricular and unnecessary activities.

These findings are behind our recent outbreak of educational time push and out of classtime halt here at school.

Donald Armentrout, principal, feels the high school is starting off well in its fight for more educational time. The intercom will be used less this year during class time, it is harder now for students to get earlier dismissals and pep rallies have been cut back to two for this year.

Armentrout explained that the student body should be happy with the two rallies it is getting, for many schools in the district and state are having none!

Another major question is about athletics. Students competing in the many sports fields miss many school hours for the sole means of playing that sport.

Bro. Wesley is ordained

A beautiful ordination service was held at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church for Bro. Stanley Wesley Sunday at 3 p.m. The Rev. Ed Jones of Rolling Hill Baptist Church of Amherst was guest speaker, and the Sunshine Choir provided music, with Mrs. Barbara Wynn at piano.

The NAACP will be at Mt. Pleasant Monday night, Nov. 14, at 7:30.

The community was saddened by the death of Deacon O. T. Woolridge. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plentous in mercy." Psalm 103:8 V.

Howard Anderson speaks at ACHS

SENATOR HOWARD ANDERSON [left], accepts gift from Scott Drinkard, president of the future Business Leaders of America on behalf of the club. Anderson was recent speaker for the group. [Photo by Bill Sherrod]

APS to observe "week"

Many activities are being planned to celebrate American Education Week at Appomattox Primary School.

The theme for the celebration, which runs Nov. 14-18, is "A Strong Nation needs Strong Public Schools."

Following is an agenda of opportunities parents and their children can enjoy:

Monday, Nov. 14, 1983 - Assembly for Students - Professional Storyteller; 3:00 - School Planning Committee - Mobile I (Open to all interested patrons); School Board Window Display: Book Fair.

Tues., Nov. 15, 1983 - Staff Appreciation Day; Book Fair.

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1983 - School Board Luncheon and Meeting; Book Fair; School Board Visits Schools.

Thurs., Nov. 17, 1983 - Parent Visitation within Classroom and for Lunch - 10 - 12; Book Fair; 7 - PTA Meeting - Cafeteria - "Computer Literacy"; Book Fair for Children and Adults; Movie for Children 3 years and up during PTA Meeting "Walt Disney Cartoon Parade."

Friday - Nov. 18, 1983 - Book Fair.

Monday- Nov. 21, 1983 - Teacher Reading In-Service 10 - 12; 1-5 - Parent Conferences.

Representing local FFA

Ballowe, Coleman to K.C.

Cat Ballowe and Lisa Coleman departed for Kansas City, Missouri on Monday morning to join over 22,000 FFA members and advisors from across the nation in the 56th National FFA Convention.

The Convention is the highlight of FFA's annual activities and include a career show, contests, awards, entertainment and a chance to meet FFA members from many parts of the country.

During the four-day convention, FFA members will meet to participate in contests, vote on FFA business, and honro award winners on the national level. They will also have an opportunity to tour agri-business and historical sites near Kansas City, tour the FFA Career Show and witness the National Public Speaking Contests. Members may attend the American Royal Rodeo at Kemper Arena where Charlie Pride will be the featured entertainment. NBC Today Show weatherman Willard Scott will be featured speaker at the convention and will be broadcasting the Today Show forecasts live from the convention hall on Friday morning.

The convention conclude on Saturday night with the naming of the Star Farmer of America and the Star Agribusinessman of America. Delegates are expected to arrive back in Virginia late Sunday night.

Cat is serving as President of the Appomattox Senior FFA Chapter and is the chapter representative to the convention. Lisa is representating the Hub Federation, in which she is serving as Vice-President.

Lisa Coleman and Cat Ballowe

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•Use this ENTIRE PAGE as your entry blank. No other means of entering will be accepted. Be sure to put your name and address in the space provided at the bottom of the page.

Mail page to FOOTBALL, THE TIMES-VIRGINIAN, P.O. Box 2007, Appomattox, Va.

•All entries must be received by 12 NOON ON FRIDAY OF EACH WEEK.

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SPORTS

Generals defeat Appomattox

The Generals of William Campbell ended the Raiders' varsity football season Friday night at Naruna, as William Campbell defeated Appomattox 26-6.

William Campbell took a 7-0 lead in the second quarter, when David Raley broke through the Raider defense and dashed 94 yards for a touchdown.

Later in the quarter, however, the Raiders came back, scoring on an eight-yard pass from quarterback Paul Johnson to receiver Ron Kelso. The Raiders went for the two-point conversion, but the attempt failed and William Cambell held the lead, 7-6.

The Generals scored again in the third quarter, when fullback Barry Pannell crashed into the end zone from a yard out.

William Campbell scored twice more in the final quarter, but the Raiders were unable to mount a scoring drive, and the game ended in a 26-6 William Campbell win.

The Raiders earned 14 first downs against William Campbell, and gained 58 yards on 27 rushes. Johnson completed 14 of 36 passes for 131 yards. Ricky Turner had seven receptions for 61 yards, Larry Shorter had two catches for 36 yards, Ron Kelso had three catches for 18 yards, and Kevin Kendrick had two receptions for 17 yards.

Raider Coard Gary Cuccio said that "although we didn't win as many games this year as we would have liked, we are nevertheless pleased that the great majority of our athletes hung together as a team under often trying circumstances, with injuries and other problems, and played an extremely tough brand of football, which is expected of Appomattox athelites."

The coach continued, "We feel that our athletes maintained the tradition of competitiveness and effort, even though the record on the surface may not indicate how hard they worked."

RAIDER RICKY TURNER slips the grasp of a William Campbell defender in Friday night's season-ending football game. [Photo by Jeff Spitzer]

Jayvees drop Amelia

The Raider jayvee football team ended their season on a winning note Thursday with a 12-6 victory over Amelia County High School's jayvee team.

The Raiders scored first in the first quarter, when fullback Keith Fanney crashed into the Amelia end zone from two yards out. Tailback Andre McCoy took the ball back into the Amelia end zone on the conversion attempt for two points and and 8-0 lead.

With time running out in the second quarter, Appomattox scored again on a four-yard run off tackle by Andre McCoy. The conversion attempt failed, but the Raiders took a 14-0 lead into the the locker room at halftime.

The second half was scoreless until, with only 39 seconds remaining, Amelia scored a touchdown to narrow the gap to 14-6. Amelia's conversion attempt was unsuccessful, however, and when the gun went off signaling the game's end, the Raiders had recorded their eighth win of the season against two losses.

"Amelia played tough defense," commented coach Howard Clabough after the game. "We were able to move the ball, but their defense made it difficult. They were stubborn."

Clabough commended assistant jayvee football assistant jayvee football coach John Pettyjohn for his work with the team throughout this season, particularly for his work with the jayvee Raider defense.

"I have been very pleased with the job coach Pettyjohn had done working with the team this year," Clabough said. "And we are vey pleased with our team's performance, and proud of the season's record."

Liberty ends season for Raiderette team

Despite a strong second-half comeback, the Raiderettes varsity basketball team was unable to overcome a deficit built up by Liberty in the first quarter and lost 51-44 in the first round of the Seminole District tournament last Wednesday.

Liberty streaked to a 20-8 lead in the first quarter on an offensive surge led by Sherry Catron, Cindy Payne and Laura Brooks.

The Raiderettes defense clamped down on Liberty in the second quarter, however, and the Liberty lead had been cut to 26-19 by the end of the first half.

The two teams played almost dead even in the second half, with Liberty scoring 15 points to Appomattox's 14 in the third quarter, and the Raiderettes outscoring Liberty 11-10 in the final period. But the first-quarter advantage built by the Minettes in the first quarter was more than the local team could overcome, and Appomattox was eliminated in the first round of the tournament, 51-44.

Raiderette Sandra Watkins led all scorers in the game with 22 points. Nina Abbitt also scored in double figures for Appomattox with 10 points. Lisa Pannell had six points for the Raiderettes, Kaye Brown had three, Sally Coleman had two and Traci Moore had one point for Appomattox.

Scoring in double figures for Liberty were Sherry Catron (19 points) and Laura Burks (17 points).

Leading rebounders for Appomattox were Sally Coleman (11) and Lisa Pannell (9). Sandra Watkins and Kaye Brown had six rebounds each.

The Raiderettes ended the 1983 season with an 8-11 record in the district.

Branch horse wins contest

Charles Douglas Branch of Appomattox won the Senior Pole Bending at the 1983 All American Quarter Horse Congress held recently in Columbus, Ohio. This honor is part of the horse show competition which consists of 110 separate events.

Nearly $700,000 was awarded to winners of Congress events. The Congress is the largest and one of the most prestigious Quarter Horse shows in the nation.

Five Jayvees are honored

Five members of the Raider junior varsity team were named "Players of-the Week" for their performance in Thursday's game against Amelia.

R. W. Jamerson and Ricky Dickerson were named defnesive players of the week, and Barry Phelps, Andre McCoy and Jeff Motley were named offensive players of the week.

Jamerson had four solo tackles and two assists from his position on the defensive line, and Dickerson had two solos and two assists from his defensive cornerback spot.

Phelps did a good job blocking and played with an injury at his guard spot on the offensive line. McCoy scored a touchdown and a two-point conversion, and rushed for 83 yards on 15 carries.

Motley completed four of six passes for 60 yards, an instrumental part of the Raiders' offense against Amelia.

Gridders cited

Four members of the Raider varsity football team have been cited for their play Friday against William Campbell.

Carl Banks, a lineman, had 12 tackles, three assists and a blocked punt on defense.

Todd Scruggs had two quarterback sacks, as well as three solo tackles and two assists on defense.

Scott Almond, was cited for his defensive play had five solo tackles and three assists.

Larry Shorter had two pass receptions for 36 yards on offense for the Raiders Friday night.

Larry Shorter

Carl Banks

Todd Scruggs

Scott Almond

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